

Introduced by Senator McGuire

January 26, 2016

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99—Relative to the 28th Annual State Scientist Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 99, as introduced, McGuire. 28th Annual State Scientist Day.

This measure would declare May 18, 2016, as the 28th Annual State Scientist Day, as a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work on behalf of all the residents of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The state employs nearly 3,000 professional
2 scientists in over 30 state departments working in more than 81
3 scientific classifications; and
4 WHEREAS, State scientists hold graduate degrees in virtually
5 every scientific discipline, including biology, nematology, virology,
6 seismology, epidemiology, toxicology, and many others; and
7 WHEREAS, State scientists are represented by the California
8 Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS), which is dedicated
9 to professionalism, independence, and responsible advocacy; and
10 WHEREAS, The work of state scientists protects the public
11 from life-threatening diseases, safeguards our wildlife and abundant
12 natural resources, and protects our air and water from toxic waste
13 and pollution; and
14 WHEREAS, State scientists are required to make critical
15 decisions every day based on rigorous scientific factfinding, and
16 these decisions ultimately impact the lives and property of all
17 Californians; and

1 WHEREAS, State scientists perform important work in the areas
2 of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup,
3 public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of
4 agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and
5 radiological disaster response, and much more; and

6 WHEREAS, CAPS cosponsors the Sacramento Regional Science
7 and Engineering Fair, one of California's 14 regional science and
8 engineering fairs, serving hundreds of middle and high schools in
9 10 California counties; and

10 WHEREAS, State scientists host an annual State Scientist Day
11 at the State Capitol to increase public awareness and recognition
12 of the significant contributions made by scientists working in state
13 government while entertaining and educating over 3,500
14 elementary school students with fun, hands-on science exhibits;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, State Scientist Day has sparked an interest in
17 science for thousands of California schoolchildren, legislators,
18 state employees, and members of the public, who attend the special
19 event; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
21 *thereof concurring*, That May 18, 2016, shall be recognized as the
22 28th Annual State Scientist Day, and that this day shall be a tribute
23 to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who
24 work on behalf of all the residents of California; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
26 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.